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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2012
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Ben Andrews, Jerri Everett, Bill Huls, Britt McKenzie, Doug Kyes, Natalie Gress, Peter Hartley, Paul Hebron and Ben Andrews

Absent: Jaris English, Denise Zullig and Evelyn Reingold

City Staff present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development, Vincent Orduna, Community Services – Recreation Division, and Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator, shared information regarding the potential partnership with Puget Sound Access (PSA) to lease Carco Theatre. The contract is under negotiation at this point but if it moves forward, PSA would take over responsibility of managing Carco Theatre and renting it to the general public. Since PSA produces many programs for Renton's Channel 21, as well as other municipalities, it would be great to have them here in Renton. Vincent Orduna's position would be eliminated if this moves forward, but he is exploring other opportunities within the City. PSA might also need a theatre manager for that part of the operations. The City staff negotiating the contract with PSA is aware of the Arts Commission rotating artist display in the Carco Theatre lobby and the City does not anticipate changes to that use.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER BRITT MCKENZIE PRESENTED THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER TO THE GROUP AND ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY COMMENTS. PETER HARLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY DOUG KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCURRED, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Bill Huls was not prepared to give a report at this time. His report was moved to November. Doug Kyes is up in December.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jennifer Davis Hayes passed around the correspondence folder for individual review. Other announcements include:

- Artist reception scheduled for October 20, 5-7 p.m. at Carco Theatre. Please try to attend.
- Studio East will be presenting "The Three Pigs" at Carco Theatre, October 27 and 28.
- Renton Civic Theatre opens October 19 with "Arsenic and Old Lace" running for three weeks.

For more information see the RCT website.

- The Renton History Museum is offering an Exhibit Thesis Project for museumology students. The internship will focus on coordinating with the Renton Municipal Arts Commission to curate a show of City public art. The intern would receive hands on experience in creating and mounting an exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Report requiring Commission action:

Commission Recruitment: We have received several applications for membership. Commissioners are requested to serve on a committee to screen and interview candidates. Ben Andrews, Bill Huls and Doug Kyes volunteered.

SIFF/Renton FilmFrenzy: The Renton FilmFrenzy is starting with filming this week. The Curvee Awards Gala is scheduled for October 23 at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center and the FilmFrenzy Screening will be on October 22 at Renton Civic Theatre. Both events begin at 7 pm and are free to attendees.

In the past, the Arts Commission has contributed \$250.00 to the FilmFrenzy. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS AMOUNT BE RAISED. MOVED BY BILL HULS AND SECONDED BY BEN ANDREWS TO RAISE THE AMOUNT TO \$400.00. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

We have two nominations for the Bravo Award. Paul Hebron is working on this project and recommended to approve all applications received. In addition, discussion occurred about costs for the Bravo Awards as well as the reception. IT WAS MOVED BY PAUL AND SECONDED BY PETER TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSES UP TO \$300.00 FOR THIS EVENT. MOTION PASSED.

Adjournment: The October 2, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 6th in the Renton City Hall Conferencing Center (7th Floor) at 4:30 pm.

Britt McKenzie, Chair